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**State Awards New School for Laveen District
and authorizes construction for Florence District**

(PHOENIX, AZ – February 8, 2008) The Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) approved a new school for the Laveen Elementary District and authorized the Florence Unified District to proceed with construction at the monthly board meeting yesterday.

The Laveen school was awarded as part of the FY08 Capital Plan Cycle, which will continue for the next few months. The cycle begins in early September when districts submit their requests for new construction. From that time, SFB staff analyzes the requests taking into account factors such as current district capacity and projected growth.

The Laveen Elementary District received a K-8 school for 1,000 students, which is expected to open in Fall 2011. This award totals \$12,545,148. A list of projects approved in this cycle is attached.

Approvals such as this allow the districts to design their schools within the allocated budgets. Upon completion of design, the projects will go before the Board again for approval to begin actual construction. More awards may be made at the next board meeting to be held in the Fowler Elementary District on March 6, 2008.

The Florence Unified District received approval from the Board to proceed with the construction of the new Magma Ranch Elementary School. The SFB is funding 101,640 square feet for 1,271 students and has budgeted \$15,200,065 for this project. The Florence Unified District will contribute \$1,500,538. The school was designed by Orcutt/Winslow Partnership and will be built by McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.

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SFB Approved New Construction Projects
FY 2008 Capital Plan Cycle

Approval Date	District	Project	Grades	Student Capacity	Square Footage	Open FY	NC Funding
12/6/2007	Gila County Regional	School	7-12	90	10,000	2011	\$1,563,600
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	Subtotal:			153	17,000		\$2,658,120
1/10/08	Sunnyside Unified	School	9-12	1,182	111,125	2011	\$18,203,386
1/10/08	Vail Unified	School	6-8	785	62,836	2011	\$8,732,947
	Subtotal:			1,967	173,961		\$26,936,333
2/7/08	Laveen Elementary	School	K-8	1,000	92,400	2011	\$12,545,148
	Subtotal:			1,000	92,400		\$12,545,148
	Total:			3,120	283,361		\$42,139,601